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A MINING MAN KICKS

Thinks a Government Smelter is Needed

"The crying need of the Slocan country is a government smelter situated upon Slocan lake. While the bonus on lead is a step in the right direction by the Dominion government, yet if the provincial government would now come in and build a lead stack in the vicinity of the mines, there would be many a property working on the lake which now has to remain idle."

Such is the deliberate opinion of Mr. W. H. Sandiford, the well known manager of the Bosun mine, given in the course of a general conversation on the conditions of mining in the Slocan with a Vancouver Province reporter.

For some years past the mining in the Slocan has not fulfilled the expectations which were justifiable of it by the prodigious output of 1898, and the considerable amount of development work which had been done previous to that year. There has been one carter and another assigned, and several things have happened which have not tended to promote the flow of capital into that region, such as the drop of silver and lead values, the strike among the miners and the combination against the Slocan of the American smelter trust.

Mr. Sandiford declares that the same rate for freight and treatment is charged his mine, namely $20 per ton, whether the ore is taken to Nelson, to Trail, to Tacoma or San Francisco. Why this should be the case he does not know, but that it is he is in a position as a shipper to know.

"It is evident," says Mr. Sandiford, "that the bonus given by the government to the smelter will help it, but it is evident that it will help the mines. At present all the ore from the Bosun mine is shipped at the water frontage of that property on Slocan lake and is taken down to the railroad at the foot of the lake to its destination at Trail or elsewhere. There are thus two handlings of the ore, one of which might be avoided if we had a smelter right on the lake shore, the government and the cost of the freight materially reduced. The provincial government would be aided in its undertaking by the Dominion bonus. The Bosun, really figured out considerably of its ore is very rich, but the many properties which have ore of lower grade are greatly prejudiced by the present system."

The ore of the Bosun, which is worked under similar conditions to other silver-lead ket ores of the Slocan, costs $20 to mine, another $20 for freight and treatment, and an additional import duty into the United States of $15 per ton. Thus, unless the ore runs well over $60, under present conditions it cannot be mined.

There are other things of which Mr. Sandiford complained. One was the cost of labor, $3.25 a day for miners, whereas all the good men had left the country during the strike and the present set were no better than those who labored for 10 hours a day for 40 cents for him while mining in Servia in southeastern Europe.

Another thing was the two per cent. mineral tax, which even in the case of high grade properties such as the Bosun, really figured out considerable more.

Again the rigorous rules as to boiler inspection were made much too costly in operation. A futher matter was the tax of 25 cents per acre on that portion of a mining property which was being unworked, although tens of thousands of dollars might be yearly expended on an adjacent claim belonging to the group.

Moreover, Mr. Sandiford thought no stumpage should be charged on timber which was cut down for use in the mine.

In substitution for this taxation, Mr. Sandiford proposes a tax upon dividends which would only fall upon mines which were beyond the first stages where they ought to be encouraged, and which would yield a handsome revenue to the government.

This year about mining profits in the Kootenays to the extent of $800,000 had already been declared, handing on each dollar of tax like basis and one $25 would be greatly felt by only on those who were recipients of money rather than on those who had incessant calls upon their purse strings in the first stages of making a mine a dividend-paying concern.

[While there is much truth in the foregoing there is good evidence that that Mr. Sandiford is a confirmed kicker and has little good to say of either the Miners' Union or the Provincial Government. Still in many things he is right and all the points mentioned are worthy of reflection.]

Mr. Wells Misrepresented.

The Victoria Colonist in a report of an interview with the Hon Mr. Wells states that the Golden Era misrepresented him in a report on the Coast-Kootenay Railway. The Era has since straightened out its report. But the Colonist has, as is evident by the following, which winds up the interview with Mr. Wells, misrepresented his statements greater. Just listen to it:

"The Horse Thief creek wagon road is fairly started and will give access to a rich mining district, which so far has been much retarded for want of transportation facilities. The company operating the Red Line group of mines on McDonald creek is spending $30,000 on improvements, and road making, which latter the government is supplementing by a grant. The company contracted for the building of the road, and will push it to completion as speedily as possible. During last winter this company shipped between 4,000 and 5,000 tons of rich galena ore. The Paradise group on Toby creek which is controlled by a Toronto syndicate, represented by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, also shipped a large quantity of ore, which averaged about 50 ounces of silver and 50 per cent. lead.

"Mr. Wells says there is no trouble in the mines in this district, and work is being carried on steadily on the properties also mentioned and many others. Farming operations in East Kootenay are promising, the indications being for good crops—in fact everything in the district looks promising."

ROSSLAND MINERS STRIKE

There are 1,200 miners on strike in Rossland. The miners Union having voted to go on strike on all the properties operating by the B. A. C.

The following state ment has been issued by the Union:

"The foundation of the trouble is the fact that nearly half the mine employes are paid 20 per cent. less than for the same labor in other camps, and the amazing practices introduced—first, espionage and blacklisting, by which many of the ablest members were compelled to seek employment elsewhere; second, revocation of the privilege of the secretary in being allowed to solicit members among non-union men off duty on company premises; third, by connection with local employment agencies in seeking to flood the over-crowded market with cheap foreign labor; fourth, by the Corporation seeking to crush a sister union at Northport."

The Charlemont

R. A. Power who has just returned after building five miles of a trail to connect the Charlemont group with the newly completed wagon road to the Little North Fork of Toby creek and after doing other development work reports this property looking exceedingly well and has brought in some of as good ore as has been shown up in this office so far this year. The lead on the Charlemont has been exposed by crosscuts and stripping for over 200 feet, showing high grade ore the entire distance. On the Carbonate, one of the claims of this group, a crosscut was run to determine the width of the lead which proves to be over 20 feet wide of quartz and chist well mineralized with galena and iron. This lead looks like a big concentrating proposition as it is exposed for over 200 feet vertically where the mountain brakes away leaving the ore exposed from the top to the bottom of the cliff. A crosscut was also run on the carbonate vein on this claim which shows it to be three feet in width. Mr. Power is well pleased with the showing made this year on his properties and claims he has the making of a mine.

Bob McKechnie, Bob Hutchison and partners have gone up Pingston creek to extend their claims with an 8 hour shift. They already have a number of fine mineral claims, upon which good showings of ore were made last season. They will do 50 feet of work before returning.

Ledge Croppings

Happenings of Interest Among The Treasure Vaults--General News of This District.

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Gus Upton came up from Golden on Friday's boat.

Quite a number of strangers are coming in by boat, road and trail.

It is a hard job to raise enthusiasm on any subject in North East Kootenay.

Windermere is taking the lead in building operations this season, and all the buildings are substantial ones.

H. E. Foster, J. E. Griffiths and J. H. Taynton on Friday, visited the Bunyon group, six miles west of Canterbury.

R. L. T. Galbraith has let a contract to D. Bale to build an addition to the Windermere Recording office. Already the work is well underway.

Lumber is still scarce and nearly every day complaints are heard. With two good mills in the district this ought not to be.

Work on the Monarch and Majestic, on the Little North Fork of Toby creek is proceeding steadily with a good force of men.

We hear on good authority of a big strike made on one of the branches of Toby creek by P. Michelson, but cannot learn the exact location, yet we will give full particulars latter.

Mrs. J. Bullman entertained a number of friends at a garden party at her residence in Windermere on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by all present.

Ever since D. VanCourtland was taken to New Westminster last winte, Officer Cameron has been in charge of his shack in Petrichoro and about once a week has visited it. While on his last week's visit found that the lock had been broken and everything of value stolen. A man that will take advantage of another's illness to rob him is too mean to be allowed to live.

Fred L. Snook has purchased the butcher business of the Elk Park Ranch Co., and will in future conduct it himself under the head of The Athalmer Meat Market. He is prepared to deliver fresh meat to all parts of the district and is making a special bid for private as well as other trade. Mr. Snook is well and favorably known throughout this district and we join with his numerous friends in wishing him success. Read his ad. on page 4.

Mesdames J. E. Griffiths, J. C. Gibbs, F. Hume and daughter came up from Firlands on the Selkirk Friday and remained until Sunday evening. Mesdames Griffiths and Gibbs have been visiting at Firlands for a couple of weeks. On Saturday the party were driven by Mr. R. R. Bruce to Windermere and on their return trip took in Athalmer and Canterbury calling on their many friends in the different towns. On Sunday Mr. Forster took the party for a trip up the lake on the Selkirk. They had a most enjoyable outing and were great admirers of our beautiful scenery.

The dance given in the Dolphine Hotel at Peterboro last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Gallop, was a success in every way. The attendance from the other towns was not what might have been expected, but that in no wise decreased the enjoyment of the evening. The music was the best obtainable and was furnished by Prof. W. Hurford's orchestra which on this occasion was augmented by a clarionet. The dance was gotten up in view of the early departure of Miss Gallop, who as the public school teacher has performed her duties in so satisfactory a manner that it was felt that some evidence of the appreciation of the town folks should be made. Miss Gallop, in the short space of about two months has become quite an esteemed and general favorite owing to her kind and free disposition, and will be greatly missed by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. The dance was held at 3:30 a. m. and those in attendance will ever remember the night as one of the most delightful times they ever spent with such a congenial and social evening spent.

Geo. Geary left for Fort Steele last Friday.

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Mr. Hugh McDonald, Peterboro's popular barrister, has been quite ill for several days with a fever.

John Semple, who came up from Golden last week, has accepted a position in Jos. Lake & Co.'s store at Athalmer.

The McDonald Mines are steadily developing and will be in shape to make big shipments of ore when the roads is completed.

Rev. J. G. Duncan will conduct services each Sunday as follows: Windermere, at 11 a.m.; Athalmer, 3 p.m., and Peterboro, 7 p.m.

Wm. McNeish and Tom Jones were passengers on the Duchess Friday. They have since gone up Lazy creek to look at some mining property.

North East Kootenay was never in so flourishing a condition as it is today, but a little more push is needed to make this statement observable.

The present Dominion government have done great things for Canada, but if they would only connect our telegraph line they would be doing a lot for the Windermere district.

R. S. Gallop shot two grizzley bears last week up near the Phoenix and World's Fair, on the South Fork of Horse Thief creek. He brought the two skins into town with him.

The telegraph line from Windermere to Golden is still muchindesss, and no explanation is forthcoming. Profanity is on the increase and the Ottawa authorities are doing nothing to stop it.

A report was going around Tuesday that there had been serious trouble among the Indians, but when the OUTCROP made inquiry it was learned that a dog belonging to a Siwash had killed a chicken of Eugene Couture's. Mr. Couture had gone over, to argue the point and the trouble finally resulted in a fight. The Indian has made a complaint and a summons has been issued for Mr. Couture to appear before E. J. Scovil, S. M.

On Friday evening as J. H. Taynton was coming down the long Athalmer hill from Windermere with a load of hay he got his ankle slightly sprained. Having no brake on his wagon the horses began to run down the hill and on reaching a small flat Mr. Taynton turned off the road, but a root of a tree caught a wheel and upset the wagon, throwing him quite a distance and turning one horse completely over the other, landing both horses on their backs. Neither of the horses were injured.

When A. Hamilton returned to his ranch last week, after an absence of several days he discovered that some parties had entered his cabin and helped themselves to his provisions. Not content with this when they got in the cabin they tore down the fence and picketed their horses in his grain, notwithstanding the fact that the grass there about is more than a foot high. When they went away they left the fence down and all of his crops was destroyed, as other horses had got in and trampled down his grain, ate up his vegetables and rolled over his garden. It is to be hoped the parties, whoever they may be, will be detected and sent to penitentiary for a few years. Mr. Hamilton has spent many months in getting his ranch in shape, having only taken it up last fall, and has been at a disadvantage in not having a road to his ranch. He has the sympathy of the entire community and if the miscreants can be found out it will be made warm for them.

Shot Three Bears.

R. A. Power came down Toby creek from the Charlemont on Sunday, where with his partners he has been working for some weeks, and presented the OUTCROP with some very fine bear steak—thereby hangs a tale.

One night last week while Mr. Power and P. Mickleson were preparing for their evening meal they were suddenly startled by the presence of four silver tip bears in near proximity. Mr. Michelson is the owner of one of the finest rifles manufactured and at once proceeded to put it in active duty and was successful in pumping lead into two of the bears. Owing to the position of the men in the brush the bears were unable to make out just where so much lead was coming from, but finally located the men and made straight as way for them. The sport now became exciting and owing to the position of the men it was necessary for the gun to be handed to Mr. Power for whom Mrs. Brain was making with a business-like appearance that did not tend to make him feel at all comfortable, but he was equal to the occasion and with one well directed shot laid her beardship low. By this time the fourth bear had decided to quit the camp and the two men followed it for a half mile before giving up the chase. When they returned to gather up their meat only one bear was to be found.

Mr. Power states that while away they had fresh meat all the time and was sorry to leave so much good bear meat behind him.

Progressing.

While from all over the Province of British Columbia there are reports of stagnation from one source and another, the Windermere district is progressing most favorably. We cannot say that as many new mining operations have come to view as was expected, but then the season has been so backward that such is naturally the case. Still there is every reason to believe that they will be here very soon now.

The exceedingly warm weather of the past week has had its good effect on the snow in the mountains and the higher altitudes are now being reached.

The progress made during the past twelve months has reached the ears of mining men on the outside world and they are anxious to get in and see for themselves the big strikes made.

The mining men who have come up so far this season have all invested and are now planning for doing their options, that this is now the most promising new camp in the Province.

The expenditure of $37,000 by the Provincial Government on roads and trails is the best advertisement this district could possibly have had, and it is with pleasure we note that all this expenditure is being spent to the best possible advantage.

The extension of the Toby creek road for a distance of six miles to the Little North Fork creek was completed on Saturday. Twelve of the men came down on Saturday. The owners of properties on the North Fork have agreed upon the completion of this extension to build up that creek to their properties. It is not stated yet just when they will commence the work, but it will not be long as they wish to ship ore over it as soon as possible.

Work on the Horse Thief road is being pushed along at a good speed and already the grade is completed for a distance of four and a half miles and the right-of-way cleared for over eight miles. The men who have just quit on the Toby road will likely all go to work on Horse Thief, as the magnitude of the work necessitates that every available man should be put to work. The road will be 20 miles in length and F. H. Taylor, P. L. S., is now surveying a road from the end of it up McDonald creek to the McDonald mines, which is to be built at the expense of the syndicate.

Besides these highways several other trails and roads are under construction of lesser magnitude.

The trail left unfinished last fall up the South Fork of Horse Thief creek is to be completed and will greatly assist the men having property up that creek. This trail has been somewhat neglected and those who have been working up the creek have labored under great disadvantage.

Work is steadily going on at the principal mines and while no strikes of importance have been reported of late they are all working in good ore bodies

FOR GAME PROTECTION

An Association is Formed for the Purpose

The meeting called for last Friday evening in the Athalmer school house was not as largely attended as might have been expected, but still it was a fairly representative one and the business for which it was called was transacted.

J. E. Griffiths was called to the chair and explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a game protective association, and said that an effort was being made by the Forest and Stream club at the coast to have associations formed all over the province.

Some little discussion was then participated in and it was resolved:

"That this association be called The Windermere District Game Protective Association." The annual fee for membership shall be 50 cents. Its members shall agree to do all in their power for the protection of game in this district and the enforcement of the game laws of the province, and shall notify ... Taynton, game warden, of any infraction of the law."

The following officers were duly elected: President, H. E. Foster; Vice-president, H. St. J. Montizambert; Secretary-Treasurer, W. S. Santo.

Upon President Foster taking the chair it was decided to elect a general committee to look after the interests of the association at the different points, and the following being nominated were duly elected:

E. A. St. Geo. Smythe, E. Stoddart, Windermere; Jos. Lake, Athalmer; R. R. Bruce, Peterboro; R. S. Gallop, Canterbury; Wm. French, Spillemacheene; E. T. Johnston, Sunshine Ranch; E. Clark, at his ranch; and Louis Storkin, to look after the Indian Reserves.

The subject of asking the Dominion Government to have black bass spawn deposited in the Windermere lake was broached, but Mr. Griffiths stated that he had learned on good authority that Mr. Montizambert had communicated already with the proper authorities and that they had agreed to comply with his wishes and that several thousand would be put in the lake next September. It was then decided that the matter had better be dropped until Mr. Montizambert could be heard from.

On the suggestion of J. Taynton it was decided that steps be taken to protect all kinds of game in close season and that Father Cowels and Indian agent R. L. T. Galbraith be communicated with in respect as to the Indians.

On motion of Messrs. J. Lake and E. Stoddart it was decided to take steps to have geese protected during close season east of the Cascade mountains.

Mr. Lake suggested that efforts be made to have an act passed prohibiting the killing of blue grouse in the spring.

The following names were then put on the list as members:

C. Cartwright, E. Scovil, W. Evans, Louis Starkin, J. Taynton, J. H. Semple, J. Lake, J. Kilpatrick, E. Stoddart, H. E. Forster, W. S. Santo, J. E. Kirk, R. R. Bruce, E. Clark, B. Abel, E. Johnston, R. S. Gallop, H. Montizambert, F. H. Taylor, F. Stockdale, Dr. Elliott, C. F. Nicholson, Geo. Starke, W. Chamberlain, C. M. Keep, B. Forbes, A. Mitchell, T. Starbird, F. Collett, C. Cameron, and Geo. Willard.

The securing of Louis Storkin as a member of the committee is the best thing that could possibly have been done as he is the most intelligent Indian hereabouts. He is a hard working man and can speak English fluently. When the objects of the association were explained to him he at once offered his services and promised to explain to the Indians the good that would be accomplished by abiding by the law.

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The following persons were passengers from Golden on the Duchess Tuesday: F. Halliday, S. Gale, D. Bannuber and A. Otlow to Fifteen Mile creek; J. Henderson, Carbonate; H. G. Schutze, A. Jones, Sinclair; A. Fisher, C. Grundy, A. Pierson, Hon. F. W. Aylmer, Athalmer; Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery, P. B. and W. S. Cundill, Peterboro.

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It may seem premature to say so, but the day is coming when Canada will cut loose from the Mother Country—England—and run her own show. Protection may be the strongest reason now advanced for Canadians clinging to England's apron-strings, yet the international alliance of today is such that there is no longer much fear of the greater powers gobbling up the weaker.

With the known wealth of our Dominion and the ever increasing population, it can be but a few years until Young Canada will be bigger than the Old Folks and want to stand alone. The day is already when Canadians feel it is time they were "wearing long pants."

There is an ever-growing feeling in Canadians that we should be free of many of the customs of the old land. It cannot be said that this is a feeling of hatred nor contempt, but more of independence and a desire to adjust the differences that are so apparent . . .

Recently a Toronto wholesale merchant made mention of the fact that he had made several hundred thousand dollars out of his trade in Kootenay and went on to speak in glowing terms of the vast possibilities of trade in the future and the immense benefits to be derived by eastern firms from our mines. The gentleman to whom he talked informs us that he asked: "In view of what you have made what have you done for Kootenay?" The reply, of course, was that he had done nothing.

The wholesale men and others in the east, who are making large sums of money here, are very short-sighted. In the past six years they have made directly from our mines large sums of money, and expect to go on increasing their trade, without in any way assisting to build up the industry. They should invest a portion of their profits and use their influence in interesting eastern capital in the development of our mines; thus they would be assisting in building up their own trade.

It is quite true that some Canadian capitalists have learned from experienced that their knowledge of mining is lacking and they have on several occasions made failures, yet they should remember that the more prudent have been successful.

The objection to investing money in mines on the theory that the mining business is of a transient nature is seldom urged in these days by intelligent men. The average duration of a paying mine is greater than that of a profitable mercantile business or a manufacturing enterprise of any kind, when measured by the volume of business done and the net receipts realized. There are mines that have been producing for over four hundred years and have as yet no signs of a transient trade, but it is difficult to find a mercantile enterprise of any kind that has withstood the ravages of time with equal fortitude.

The mines of North East Kootenay have not been developed so long a time as this but are really only in the prospecting stage of development, yet who can say that four hundred years hence they will not be producing?

There is no doubt as to the existance of great bodies of immensely rich ore in this district and with the continuance of the work that is now in progress our permanence is established. We have men with the nerve, push and vim and all that is now necessary to our greater prosperity is more capital to work the numerous properties that now are in possession of prospectors who have not the means to put them on a shipping basis, but upon which sufficient work has been accomplished to warrant the expenditure of capital on a larger scale.

The forming of the Windermere District Game Protective Association was a move in the right direction. That game should be protected is acknowledged by everyone who takes any interest in the matter.

As will be seen in the report of the meeting published in another column every man who joins the Association agrees to inform the game warden of any infraction of the law that comes under his notice. The men who have agreed to this are honorable gentlemen and will without doubt carry out their agreement to the letter. Thus it will be a hard matter for any transgressor to escape just punishment. It may take some little time to stop the former practice, but all must acknowledge the necessity of the law being enforced.

Heretofore game has been slaughtered during the close season without any regard for law. Many a man who, under different conditions, would be highly indignant at the mere mention of their being so unsportsmanlike, have done so with good reason. They have seen the game slaughtered in large numbers out of season and reasoned that they might as well have the game as to leave it for others.

Thus have all kinds of game suffered in the past. But now is the time to call a halt—before the game becomes entirely extinct, and at the meeting it was the unanimous opinion that every assistance shall be given the game warden in his endeavors to enforce the law.

That North East Kootenay is one of the happiest hunting grounds to be found in the broad Dominion goes without saying, and if the laws are properly amended and rigidly enforced it will always continue to be. With proper protection this district will continue to attract the attention of men from all parts. What better advertisement is there for a country than its game.

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Rules for Drilling Contest.

Following are the rules for the drilling contest to take place at the Races next week:

Drills to be ¾ bit; starter, one inch; 15 minutes allowed each team.

There has been a good deal of enthusiasm evinced regarding this contest and as none but local men will take part it will no doubt be of great interest. The Committee of Management would like to see a team from each of the properties at present working in this district make an entry, as it would greatly add to the success of the sport and would establish a goodfellowship among the miners of the vicinity.

Steve Wilson has been induced to give a single-handed exhibition of drilling, which is to be sandwiched in between the teams. The spectators may expect something good as this gentleman is a past master with the single-hammer.

THE WOMAN WHO NAGGED

Oh, I know a certain lady who is reckoned with the good,
Yet she fills me with more terror than a raging lion would,
The little chills run up and down my spine whene'er we meet,
Though she seems a gentle creature, and she's very trim and neat.
And she has a thousand virtues and not one acknowledged sin,
But she is the sort of person you could liken to a pin.
And she pricks you and she sticks you in a way that can't be said.
If you seek for what has hurt you—why, you cannot find the head!
But she fills you with discomfort and exasperating pain.
If anybody asks you why, you really can't explain!
A pin is such a tiny thing, of that there is no doubt,
Yet when it's sticking in your flesh you're wretched till its out.
She is wonderfully observing when she meets a pretty girl.
She is always sure to tell her if her hair is out of curl;
And she is so sympathetic, to her friend who's much admired
She is often heard remarking, "Dear you look so worn and tired."
And she is an honest critic, for on yes terday she cried
The new dress I was sitting with a woman's natural pride,
And she said, "Oh! how becoming!" and then gently added, "It
Is really a misfortune that the waist is such a fit."
Then she said: "If you had heard me sooner sae, I'm sure, my friend,
You would say I was a champion who knows how to defend."
And she left me with the feeling—most unpleasant, I ween—
That the whole world would despise me if it hadn't been for her.
Whenever I encounter her, in such a nameless way
She gives me the impression I am at my worst that day.
And the hat that was imported (and which cost me half a cornet),
With just one glance from her round eyes becomes a flowery bonnet.
She is always bright and smiling, sharp and pointed for a thrust.
Oh! I wish some hapless specimen of mankind would begin
To tidy up the world for me by picking up this pin!

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

MONEY NOT NEEDED.

It doesn't take money to run a newspaper; it can be run without money. It is a charitable institution, a begging concern a high way robber. The newspaper is a child in the air, a creature of a dream. It can go on, and on, and on, when any other concern would be in the hands of a receiver and wound up with cobwebs in the windows. It takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes a solicitation acrobatic imagination and a half a dozen white shirts, and a railroad pass to run a newspaper. But money—Heavens to Betsey, and six hands round, who ever needed money to conduct a newspaper?

Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. When you see an editor with money watch him. He'll be paying his bills and disgracing his profession. I never give money to an editor. Make him trade it out. Then when you die, after having stood around for years, and sneered at the editor and his little jim crow newspaper, be sure and have your wife send in for three extra copies by one of your weeping children, and when she reads the generous and touching notice about you, forewarn her to neglect 15 cents to the editor. It would overwhelm him. Money is a corrupting thing. The editor knows he can thank the printers and they can thank their grocers: send your job work out of town and then come and ask for half rates for church notices.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He'll take care of all the editors. Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter fro n the state to act as a doormat for the community. He'll get the paper out somehow; and stand up for you when you run for office, and lie about your toed daughter's tackey wedding, and blow about your big footed sons when they get a four dollar per week job, and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body, and smile at your giddy wife's second marriage. He'll get along. The Lord only knows how—but the editor will get there somehow.—Ex.

IRONIES OF FATE.

It's only when you've cash to burn
That offers come to lend;
Friends choose what you already have
When kindly gifts they send;
The most persistent man is he
Whose absence most you wist;
It's on Friday that you have
No appetite for fish
The dish of which your hostess boasts
Is something you abhor;
The story that is shortest told
Is one you've heard before;
The dictionary never tells
The thing you want to know;
You never catch the girl you like
Beneath the mistletoe.

MOTHER.

Ah, mother's gettin' old and gray;
Some day, why, she'll be laid away
Down in th' field by th' old mill stream,
Where all the roses love to dream.
And when that happens, like 'ez not,
The ol farm'll jest 'bout go to pot;
We'd lose all hope of ma was gone,
For she most runs the farm alone.
Up with th' sparrers every morn,
Callin' the chickens to their corn;
She cooks a meal I would'n't trade
For the finest farmhouse ever made;
She cleans th' house an' sets the hen,
An' shoos the pigs back to their pen;
She feels the cow, an' thinks she goes
Dry th' horses, an' sews, an, sews,
An' bakes a cake, an' runs th' churn,
An' gathers in th' wood t' burn;
An' 'fo you say, "Ma, rest a while?"
She'll answer, with her old sweet smile,
"Child, I ain't tired a bit. Are you?
We can't rest when there's work to do."
An', supper o'er, the chores all done,
She hears our lessons, one by one.
An' then she sees th' cat is fed,
An' puts the children all t' bed,
An' when th' family's tucked away,
Th en she, alone, kneels down to pray.
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MINES OF SOLOMON

Several diamond drill operators have recently returned to America from the gold coast of West Africa where they went a year or two ago under contract to re-open the lost mines of King Solomon. The location is the scene of the ancient native workings that tradition says were searched for gold for Solomon. The Americans found there shafts sunk 200 feet or more in the solid rock, drifts and tunnels thousands of feet long, and the remains of primitive hoisting and drilling appliances, left when the mines were abandoned, many centuries ago. The ancient workers stopped work when they reached water level, having no means of pumping water from that depth. The mines contained a free-milling gold, easy to treat, and were apparently very rich. What will be found at a greater depth is not given out.

Many relics of primitive workings were found in the mines, which were evidently abandoned in haste as the water came in and were never entered from that day to this. Human bones were found, but nothing to indicate exactly what method was used to sink such shafts and drive tunnels at such depths underground could be discovered by the Americans, who were amazed at the ingenuity of men who, with only what seemed to be their petty, primitive methods, could carry on such mining.

The climate of the district is such that at the conclusion of their contracts all the Americans engaged in running drills and opening the mines returned home, though offered great wages to remain. It is their belief that, however rich the mines may be, it will be a difficult matter to secure and maintain them productively.

PRESS SLAVERY.

In view of the discussion now going on about a newspaper trust the following speech given by the New York Tribune editor a few years ago is interesting and is evidence of what the result would be. This is what Reid said:

"There is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is in the country towns. You are all slaves. You know it and I know it. There is not one of you that dare to express an honest opinion. If you express it, you know beforehand that it will never appear in print. I am paid $150 per week for keeping honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for doing similar things. If I should allow honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, like Ouiell," before 24 hours my occupation would be gone. The man who would be so foolish as to write his honest opinion would be out on the streets hunting another job. The business of the New York journalist is to distort the truth, to lie outright, to prevaricate, to villify, to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread, or for what is about the same thing, his salary. You know this and I know it; and what folly to be toasting the independent press. We are tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are jumping jacks. Our time, our talent, our lives, our possibilities, are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes."

"Is dessere de life insurance office?" he asked, as he rested one foot side-wise on the door-sill.

"Yes!" shouted one of the clerks; "come in."

"Much obliged," with a bow and took off his hat. "I wants ter get some life insurance on er mule."

The clerk looked surprised and said: "You ain't looking for the mule to die, are you?"

"Does I look?" he answered; "but I want ter sell de animal an' anyone that gets his eyes onter 'im fer fibe minutes ain't gwine ter buy 'im widout er life insurance 'tachment. So I come leben miles ter see yer 'bout enhancing de value ob dat mule."—Detroit Free Press.

Two workmen were discussing serious subjects. Quoth the younger: "I say, Bill, what are these here stock companies?" "Well, I'll explain it to yer. You an' Jim an' arf-a dozen more of your mates put up a penny each and buys two ounces of 'baccy and a clay. Then I calls myself the managing director, and sits down and smokes the pipes and 'bacca. D'ye see?" "Yes, but where does we come in?" "Oh, you're the shareholder; look on and spit."

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